

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
"documentary" days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.
Since Sinclair
Broadcasting is
known to have given
heavily to the
Republican coffers,
this anti-Kerry faux
documentary is
actually a smear
campaign in an
attempt to sway the
election.

Sinclair
Broadcasting has
many outlets, which
reach a significant
portion of the
population. Thus,
this type of action
seems to be the
antithesis of
democratic values,
since the
programming is
purely for political
patronage.

This despicable
effort by Sinclair
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to be more
than a rubber stamp.